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## WAXMAN PRAISES U.S.-ISRAEL ALLIANCE PROPOSALS

An elated Congressman, Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles), said he was "greatly encouraged" by the discussion between President Reagan and Prime Minister Begin on greater U.S.-Israeli cooperation in military matters.

Waxman said,

"With the threat of the AWACS sale hanging over the Summit, I feared Begin and Reagan would be too caught-up in debating that issue to discuss other important topics.

"Preliminary reports indicate that our two countries are moving towards possible American military use of the Port of Haifa. There are also plans to establish major stockpiles of emergency medical supplies to be used by the United States in the event of a Middle East emergency. Perhaps most important and still secret are plans to provide Israel with substantially increased access to American intelligence reports."

Waxman expressed the strong belief that the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia would substantially undermine these important new plans for a closer working alliance between the United States and Israel.

"I will be working up until the very last minute to defeat the AWACS sale. It is simply not coherent American foreign policy to establish a joint security agreement with Israel and, at the same time, undermine Israel's security by giving her enemies the world's most sophisticated aircraft."

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